

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes: April 30, 2008

1. Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall

Members present: Laura Epke, Deb Pallasch, Stanley Zeramby, Diane Harris, Richard Joslin, Bob Koohy, Frank Marshall (9:00PM) Absent: Ray Medeiros

2. Approval of minutes

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to approve minutes as amended for March 12, 2008. Motion approved with S. Zeramby and D. Pallasch abstaining.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by C. Leonard, to approve minutes for April 23, 2008. Motion approved with B. Koohy and R. Joslin abstaining.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by C. Leonard, to approve minutes as amended for April 26, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Commission discussion:

“Other” ballot language

Motion made by D. Harris, seconded by D. Pallasch, to accept as amended the ballot question, change and reason language re: Historic Preservation Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by R. Joslin, to accept as amended the ballot question, change and reason language re: section 1213, Misc. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by D. Pallasch, seconded by D. Harris, to accept as amended the ballot question, change and reason language re: Transfer of town-owned land. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by D. Pallasch, seconded by L. Epke, to add to working document item to move Harbormaster section from current placement in section 1008 to section 909. Motion passed unanimously. D. Pallasch to write.

FTM alternative

Motion by R. Joslin, seconded by D. Harris, to hold all-day referendum on the 4th Wednesday in May. Favor: R. Joslin, C. Leonard, B. Koohy, D. Harris, S. Zeramby Against: L. Epke Abstain: F. Marshall, D. Pallasch. Motion passed.

Motion by D. Harris, seconded by R. Joslin, to eliminate budget committee public hearing as presented on proposed timeline, draft, version 4 (leave annual budget assembly). Favor: C. Leonard, D. Harris, R. Joslin, S. Zeramby, D. Pallasch, B. Koohy Against: L. Epke Abstain: F. Marshall

Statement made by F. Marshall for the record.

F. Marshall stated: "I realize that it is late in the process and an enormous amount of work has been put into this, but something has been on my mind that I feel I need to bring up and discuss. I would ask that we all pause and consider that we are suggesting doing away with the single most important day and function within our Town. I appreciate that many find the Financial Town Meeting worthless, with others finding it extremely important.

This is a hard-working conscientious group, but it concerns me greatly that there is no group enthusiasm for any single proposal that has been put forth. There has been no consensus within the group for such an enormous change in town government. We have struggled and I think that the people struggle, but there was no agreement on one sure balanced proposal. I would therefore like to propose that we report to the Town Council that this elected body could not come to consensus as to what a clear alternative would be.

Discussion ensued with no action taken to reconsider.

4. Other

None.

5. Adjournment

The Commission's April 30, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.